

BEFORE THE NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of the Application    )   Application No. NG-0008  
of Metropolitan Utilities            )  
District, Omaha, seeking            )   Planning Conference Order  
authority for Competitive            )  
Natural Gas Provider authority       )  
in the state of Nebraska.            )   Entered: October 9, 2003

BY THE HEARING OFFICER:

On August 12, 2003, Metropolitan Utilities District ("M.U.D.") filed the above-captioned application for authority as a competitive natural gas provider. The application was published on August 15, 2003, in The Daily Record, and the 30-day protest and formal intervention period expired on September 15, 2003. Motions to Dismiss ("Motions") were filed by Aquila, Inc. ("Aquila") and Cornerstone Energy, Inc ("Cornerstone").

In order to process the Motions of Aquila and Cornerstone, a telephonic planning conference was held in this matter on September 29, 2003, at 9:00 a.m. at the Commission, 300 The Atrium, 1200 N Street, Lincoln, Nebraska. The following persons were present at the teleconference: for M.U.D., Susan Prazan; for Aquila, Doug Law and Larry Headley; for Cornerstone Energy, Max Burbach, Stacia Norder, Bret Feller and Richard Haubensack; for NorthWestern Corporation, Alan Dietrich; and for the Commission, Andy Pollock, Miles Halcomb and Laura Demman.

This order serves to provide a timeline for proceeding on the Motions.

Deadline	Event
October 16, 2003	Briefs in support/opposition of the Motions are due
October 20, 2003 11:00 am	Oral arguments on Motions of Aquila and Cornerstone in the Commission Hearing Room.

O R D E R

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Nebraska Public Service Commission that an oral argument on the Motions to Dismiss filed by Aquila and Cornerstone is set for October 20, 2003 at 11:00 a.m. in the Commission Hearing Room, 300 The Atrium, 1200 N Street, Lincoln, Nebraska.

MADE AND ENTERED at Lincoln, Nebraska, this 9th day of  
October, 2003.

HEARING OFFICER:

Frank E. Landis